

FISCAL NOTE

HB 938

January 13, 2004

SUMMARY OF BILL: Limits a court's discretion in custody matters by revising current law and requiring the court to order joint custody or sole custody when the parents agree. When one parent requests sole custody and the other joint custody, the court shall order joint custody. The court can deviate if there is evidence of substantial harm to the child.

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000/One-Time
Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Federal Expenditures -
Exceeds \$200,000 One-Time

This bill would impact the tracking and monitoring of child support payments by the Department of Human Services. The current management information system would require significant changes to monitor custody shared equally by two parents. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$300,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a smaller, more compact script than the last name "White".

James W. White, Executive Director